

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,076,260 to Komatsu in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,181,504 to Ono et al.

Claim 1 states "a vibrating blanket selectively placed on a sleeping surface..." Komatsu states "Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide an improved sensible body vibrator which can be mounted irrespective of the type of a body support, which has a circuit configuration for..." (Col. 3, Lines 11-15).

Komatsu requires that a vibrator that is actuated by a control box receiving external stimuli be mounted on a body support. A blanket is incapable of independently supporting the human body. Therefore, it would not be obvious to place these vibrators in a blanket since Komatsu makes specific mentions of the vibrator being mounted to a human body support. Also, according to Claim 1, the vibrating blanket which contains the vibrating modules must be mobile, since it can be selectively placed on a sleeping surface. Komatsu requires that the vibrators be mounted onto body supports, therefore the vibrating device is not able to be selectively placed as is disclosed by Claim 1. It would not be obvious to combine Ono since Komatsu requires the vibrator to be mounted to a human body support. According to Komatsu, the devices cannot be placed in something such as a blanket.

Additionally, Claim 1 teaches the control box receiving external stimuli to be mobile with the vibrators since the preamble states "A sound activated alarm blanket..." Ono teaches nothing regarding a control box receiving external stimuli. Nothing is present in Komatsu to

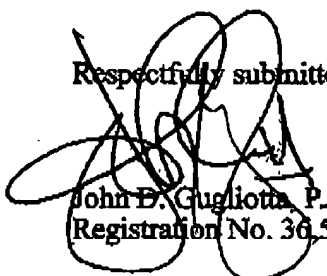
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show that the control box receiving external stimuli is to be mobile. No combination of Komatsu and Ono teaches of a mobile control box receiving external stimuli.

Since Claims 2-10 are dependent off of Claim 1, and Claim 1 should stand as allowable, Claims 2-10 should also stand as allowable.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,


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